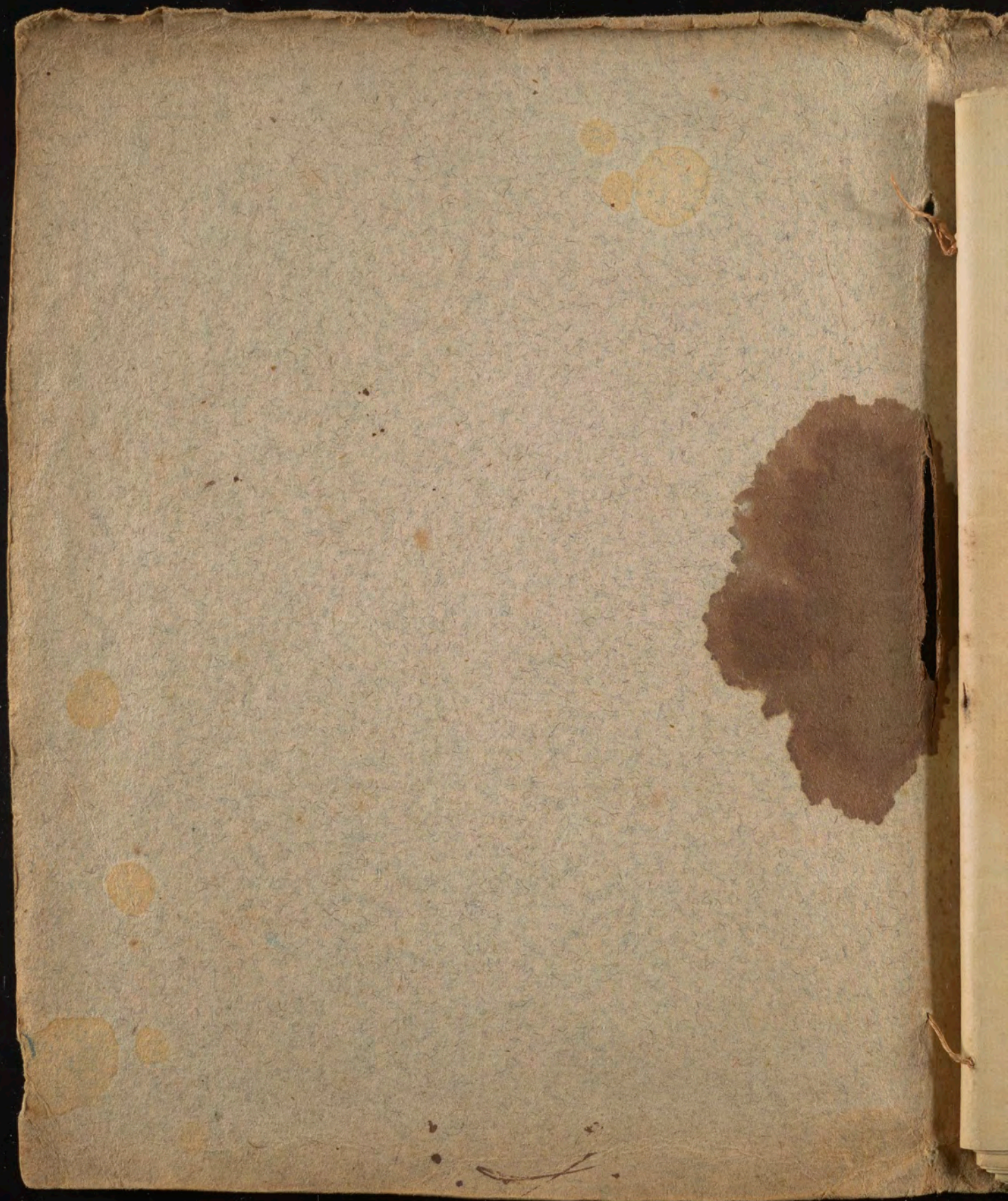


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On the vexations
& distresses of a
medical life.



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Introductory lecture
on the usages & Diffusio
of a medical life
delivered nov^r 27. 1797



Gentlemen/

You are convened here
this day for the purpose of hearing
an ^{introduction} ~~introductory~~ ~~lecture~~ to a Course
of Lectures upon the Institutes of
Medicine, and the practice of Physic.

Previously to my entering upon these
~~duties of my Professorship~~ I shall
subjects, I shall deliver a few Obser-
vations upon the ^{pains & pleasures} ~~Vocations~~ &

Distresses of a medical life. The
detail ^{of the former} will be ~~useful~~ to you. Like
a map of a country over which
you are about to travel, ^{it} ~~you~~
The

V The ~~pleasures~~ ^{latter} history of the ~~pleasures~~
of a ~~which attend the profession~~ will
likewise I hope be useful. It will ^{it} ~~will~~ ^{will tend}
derivate you in your ~~studies~~, ~~and~~ to
~~can form~~ ^{to} ~~open~~, if not ^{to} destroy the fears
that may be excited by the previous ^{detail} ~~history~~
of the ^{the} ~~its~~ pains which accompany the
life of a physician. These pains —
— These pains of ~~may~~ naturally divide
themselves into Vexation - Solitude &
Distress. I shall make a few remarks upon
each of them. ~~And~~ The sources of
Vexation to a physician are ^{are} ~~are~~ 2^d
from the ignorance of the bulk of

will serve to show ² ~~you~~ ^{in the first place} the difficulties
and dangers to which you will be
exposed ~~and~~ in your present pur-
suits, and if it should not enable
you to avoid them, it may by
~~anticipation~~ prepare you to meet
and submit to them with a becom-
ing spirit of dignity & resignation.

✓ From the Science of medicine hav-
ing been so long locked up in
the dead languages, and in technical
terms, the knowledge of it has been
for many ages confined chiefly
to ~~Physicians~~ ^{medical men}. For this
reason, the bulk of mankind

wasteful of the value of medicine,
hence this ^{from erroneous} judgment of his opinions &
practice, and thereby detract from his
V ~~loss~~ for physicians too often

lose an reputation & business. ~~But~~
see 1822

A 2^d source of vexation to a physician
is derived from his Brethren, ~~this source~~
it discovers itself ~~it is~~ ^{it is} ~~divided~~ ^{divided} itself into ~~two~~ ^{two} ~~branches~~

ignorance. This ignorance discovers itself

in the of the principles of medicine
& Envy -

3 upon medical subjects,
assign their Understandings, wholly
to their Physicians. Hence ~~the~~
the ^{erroneous} uncandid Opinions which
are always formed of new ^{theories} Opinions
and new modes of practice by the
world. The ~~prejudice~~ long & deep-rooted
-ed prejudices which were formerly
entertained against mercury &
the Peruvian Bark, were excited, and
perpetrated chiefly by Physicians.
In no ~~other~~ ^{except medicine,} science, ~~have~~ ^{are men} ~~maintained~~
~~been~~ deprived for centuries of the be-
-nefit of ^{thinking, and judging} ~~useful~~ discoveries, because
in other sciences, men think and
~~judge~~ for themselves. In the

4 ~~thus imposed~~
influence of false opinions, upon just
~~thus imposed upon the world~~
practice, arises a constant source of
Vexation to a Physician.

II ~~By~~ ^{ly} ~~It is~~ From the same ignorance of
medicine among the common people,
arises the unequal distribution of
~~business~~ ^{in our} business and reputation ~~among~~
Profession.
~~Physicians. But in most cases, gets~~
~~the better of Science, and the patronage~~
of a powerful name, the influence of
a party, ^{imposing} or men technical ^{car-}
manner, ⁿ often give the
^{-ing,} highest eminence of medicine. Some
^{most} of the popular Physicians that have
ever lived, have been weak, or ^{ignorant} dull
men, while many ~~more~~ others

~~I mention the pain from the error of~~
~~import: of yellow fever. —~~

V nor is this all, ~~the want of~~
~~the treatment of diseases has frequently~~
~~no influence upon the practice of Phy-~~
~~sicians, who are supported by a party,~~
~~and the greatest success ^{Reputation &} ~~is~~ Fortune~~
~~from have often been attracted to the most~~
~~unsuccessful practice — and in some instances~~
~~to the grossest habits of prophanity.~~

V morality estimable in all other
professions — though of no consequence
in a physician. Some of the most
popular physicians I have known
have been ^{& clerical} wicked as well as weak,
and yet these men have been patro-
nized by good Christians.

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Proposed of talents & ⁵
~~from the talents~~, knowledge, from the
Want of the accidental advantages
that have been mentioned, have perished
their lives in Obscurity, or been com-
pelled to seek for Subsistence from
~~Other~~ a change of their pursuits in
life. — By a law in our nature it
is impossible to contemplate the
Stream of error and Vice without pain,
^{and from hence arises}
~~To behold therefore the honors &~~
~~emoluments of medicine heaped upon~~
~~dulness and inaptitude~~ a second source
of vexation to an enlightened & sensible
Physician. — ^{vexation from seeing}
^{lead} as well as ignorant men confided in.
3 ~~Many among~~ which exists more
or less in all professions, exerts its

V A physician objected to blood letting in
a case of ~~the~~ yellow fever in the year 1793!!
in a consultation, and gave as a reason for
it that the human body contained but twelve
pounds of blood.

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When Gout affects the Legs or Ankle, the
more moderate Disease in the Foot seldom
remains. —

White Pulmonary is often suspended
by the stronger action of the System during
Pregnancy —

The Contagion of Measles has been known to give
place to that of Small Pox. —

III & a third source of vexation to a Physician
 arises from the Ignorance ^{such of} of his Brethren,
 as he is obliged to consult with in the course
~~this Ignorance appears in the laws~~
~~of the animal of his business.~~ This igno-
 -rance appears ^{stantly} in the laws of the Ani-
 -mal Economy. 2 in the laws of
 Epidemics. There is no fact in medicine
 more clearly established, than that where
 forces of unequal force meet in the same
^{place} ~~city~~, the most powerful ones ^{chase away} ~~compel~~ those
 those which are ^{weak} ~~of less malignity~~ ^{or compel them} to disappear
 or to assume some of ^{this} ~~its~~ characteristic
 symptoms. — This to a Physician who
 has ~~been~~ adopted this universal & im-
 -mutable law of diseases, ~~what~~ how
 great must be ^{the} ~~his~~ vexation when he

V 3 ^{ly} ~~Ignorance of causation~~ - an ignorance
of the difference between the remote,
exciting causes of diseases is a frequent
^{Source} Cause of Deviation in the ^{connexion} intercourse
Physicians have with each other
in sick rooms. ~~Many~~ In most of the
cases of the yellow fever which ^{latently} occurred
in our city, during the late ~~on~~ the
disease ~~exhalation or contagion~~ ^{ch} ~~which~~
produced ^{them} ~~it~~ ^{was} quiescent, until
~~it was~~ ^{it was} brought into action by an
exciting cause, such as fatigue, cold,
heat or intemperance. This exciting

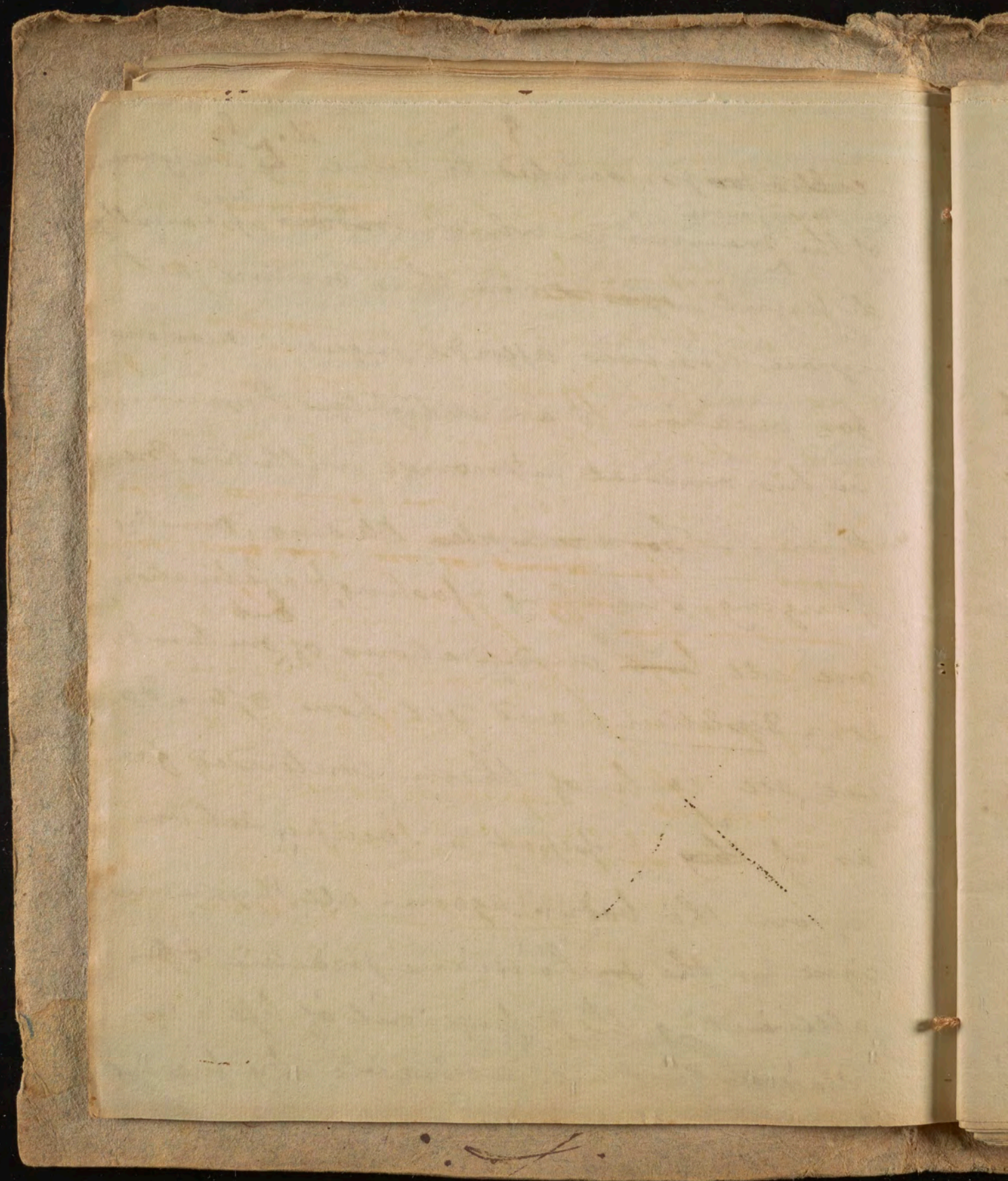
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finds
~~finding~~ himself opposed in a sick room
by a man who ~~supposes~~ ^{who} is ignorant
of this law, and ~~supposes~~ ^{who} that fever from
different causes, ^{& of different force,} may possess a character
totally independent of each other. And
of course that they ought to be treated by
different remedies! But ^{by} ~~if~~ ^{many} ~~the~~ ignorance
of Physicians are ignorant of the Unity
& simplicity of diseases, ~~and~~ as depending
upon one proximate cause, and hence
arises another source of vexation ~~to that~~
~~Physicians who~~ ~~to~~ in consultations.

~~Emergency~~ ^{So} where a diversity of opinion
prevails upon this subject, every new
symptom is considered as a new disease,
and of course different medicines are

cause was ^{believed} ~~supposed~~ to be the remote
one, and a patient who died in ^{five} 5 days
with petechiae, & a black Vomiting,
was supposed to die of the effects of a
long walk, of wetting his feet, or of
drinking a few extraordinary glases
of wine. —

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it. by
~~could be~~ prescribed to cure. ^{Remedies} ~~by~~ an ignorant
^{uniform} of the manner in which ~~medicines~~ apparently
different, ~~operate~~ in their nature, act
upon diseases, affords frequent occasions
for vexation to an enlightened Physician
in his ~~medical~~ intercourse with his Pa-
-tient. — ~~For example~~ Bleeding, Vomiting
Purging, Sweating, fasting, & salivation,
are all ~~but~~ ^{but} modifications of ^{one} ~~one~~ Remedy,
viz Depletion, and yet how often do
we see each of them contended for
as if ~~they~~ ^{it}, possessed a specific action
upon the body. again - all Physicians
agree in the ~~for~~ humane practice of
alliviating the passage out of life in
diseases that are incurable, by frequent



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doses of Opium, and yet how few
of them will admit of ^{imparting} ~~producing~~ the
same blessing by any other remedy. Al-
-though there are several, ~~remedies~~ which
produce that effect with more certainty,
and without the least risk of impairing
the Understanding. ~~The ignorance disco-~~
~~covered by this want of the ignorant dis-~~
~~covered by this~~ The Gallantries which have
followed the extension of a principle
equally just in Science & Morals, disco-
-vers ~~and~~ ^{reason} a degree of ignorance which
places the ~~mind~~ ^{reason} of man upon a level
with the instinct of Brutes. ~~It appears~~
In contemplating all the instances of igno-
-rance ^{in Physicians} which have been mentioned,
we cannot wonder at the sentiment

V However great all these causes of
from ignorance may
be to a Physician,
they must be submitted to, if he
means to live in harmony with
his brethren, for consultations ^{among Physicians} are
^{intended} ~~come~~ for the most part, ~~not~~ for their
own benefit, instead of the benefit of
their patients.

which a view of it has sometimes
excited in the minds of sensible men.

Mr. J^r. Hunter is said to have died
of a paroxysm of vexation occasioned
by disputing with ~~one of his brothers~~ ^{a friend, and a}
one of his brethren, & as
much wiser man than Mr. Hunter
has left chapters ~~by~~ ^{behind} him
in which he has recorded ~~the~~ ^{his} painful
feelings & upon reviewing the character
& effects of folly as ~~it~~ ^{they} appears in ~~the~~
human
~~the~~ affairs. ~~of human life.~~

IV ^{by} ~~by~~ Envy by its ~~malignant~~ influence
in medicine is another source of
vexation to a Physician. This ma-
-lignant passion

+ see an act^r of Vespucien's
envious conduct towards Dr Hieron
in Vienna. Rayley Vol. 11. p. 70.

v by false, or uncandid Accounts of the
nature, or issue of inscriptions.

~~malignant influence with more success~~

~~in medicine. It appears in various~~

ways. 1 In ~~this~~ ^{the} measures which

are employed by Physicians to deprecate

each other's talents & knowledge.

- 2nd In the means which are em-

ployed to lessen the credit of each

other's practice. In the yellow fever

which prevailed in this city in the

year 1793 ^{persons} ~~persons~~ were admitted to

have had the yellow fever ^{in Philad^a} who were

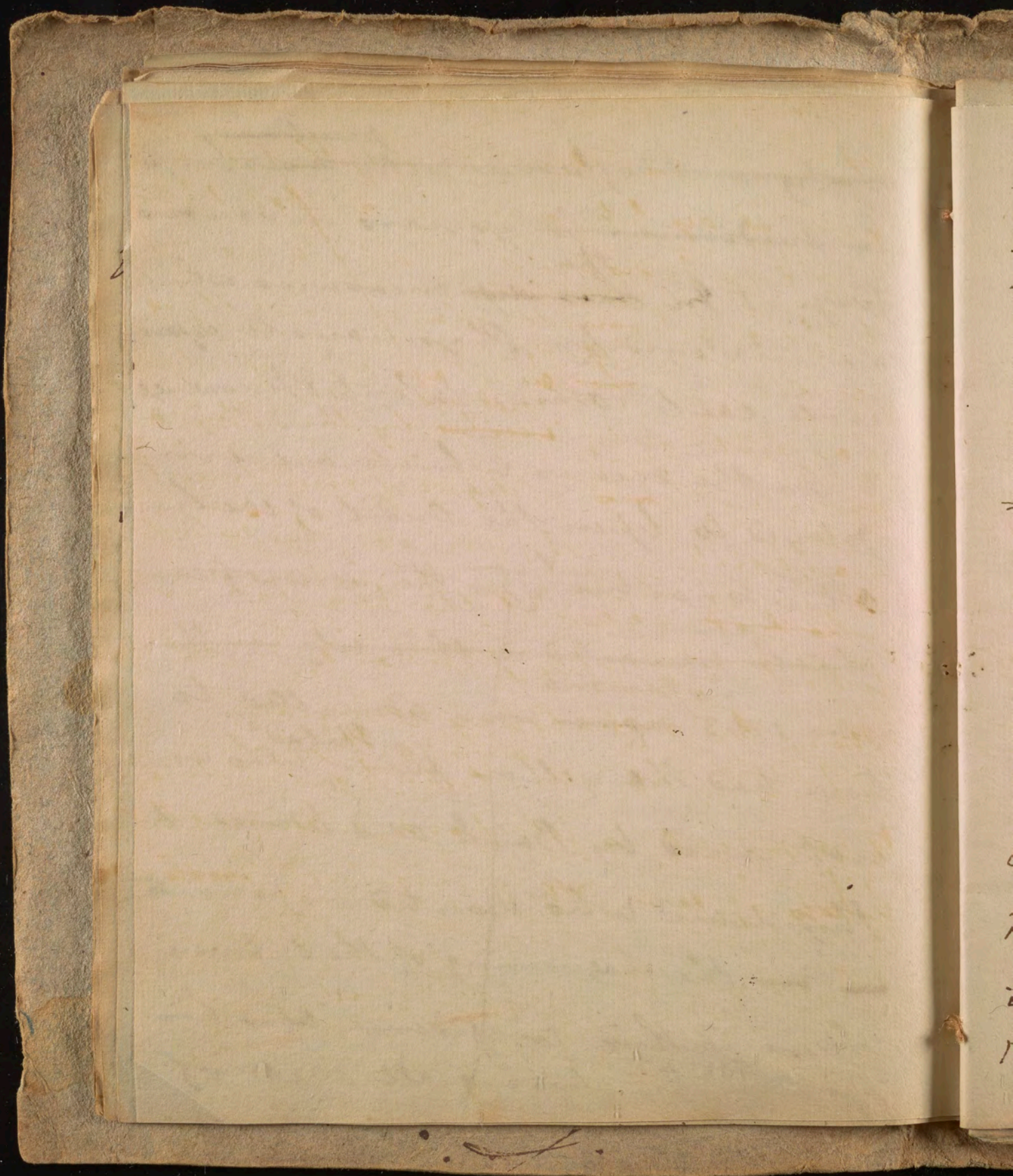
not cured by Bark and Wine. A

Physician who deserted his patients

in the beginning of that fever,

recovered their confidence after his

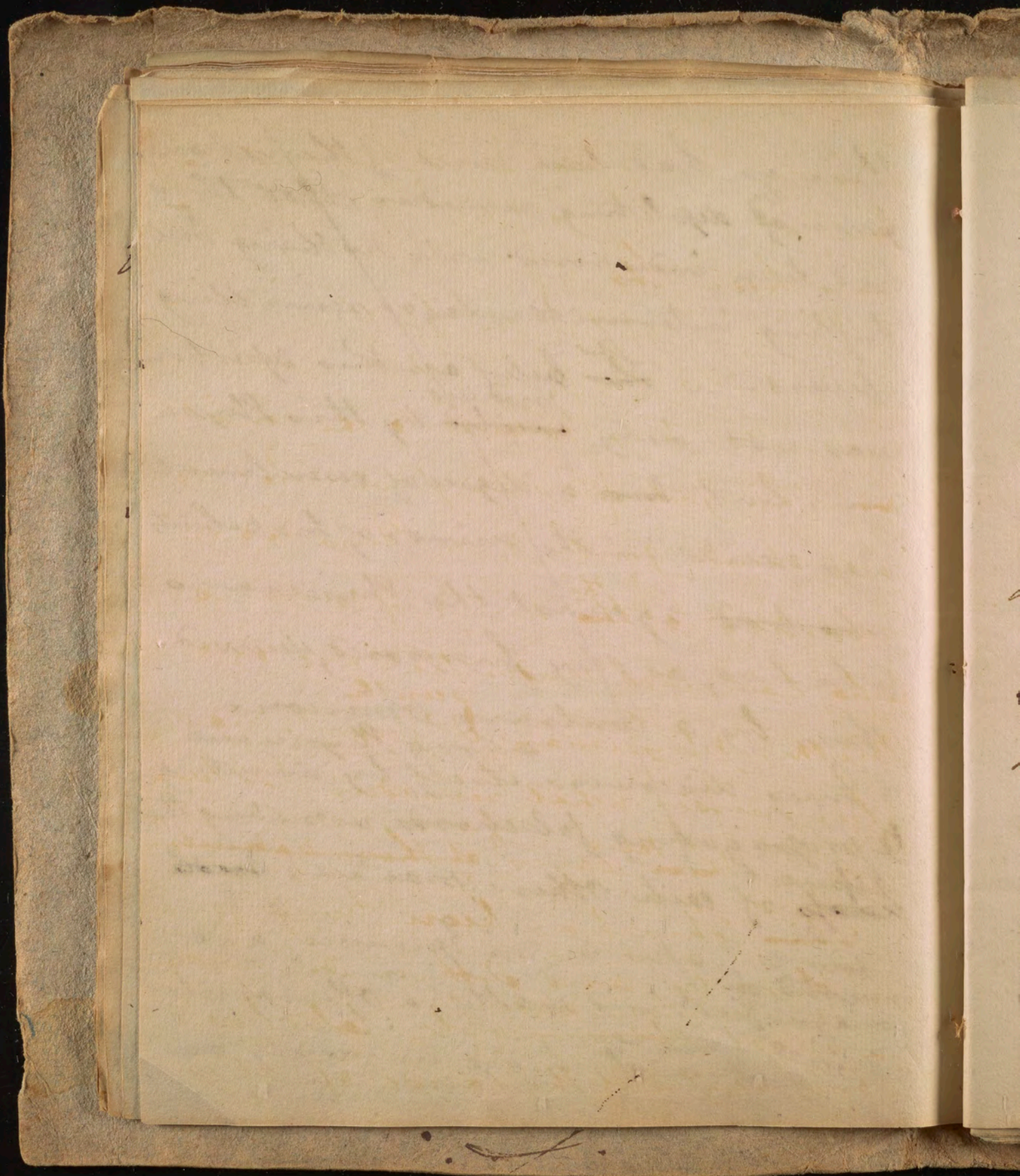
return by abusing all such of.



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them as had been used of the yellow
fever ^{by} depleting remedies, that they
had been indisposed with nothing but
trifling intermitting or remitting
fevers. — ^a The belief in this assertion
was not only ^{produced} ~~excited~~ by this Physician
-an, but ~~was~~ a degree of resentment
was excited in the minds of his patients
who ~~had~~ against the Physicians
who had, as they supposed, deceived
them by a contrary opinion.

3. Envy discovers itself ^{among Physicians} by inventing
& propagating falsehoods respecting the
success of each other's practice. ~~Death~~

~~How~~ ^{invented, or} ~~lopes~~ in an epidemic, are
magnified, and death is often ascribed
to Remedies which are innocent, or



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which instead of being hurtful, have
~~been~~ failed of saving life, only because they
~~have been~~ ^{the early or} the improper use of them
has been controuled by the patients,
or his friends. The influence of Envy
under this head extends to the most
~~con~~ shameful meanesses. What do
you think gent.ⁿ of a Physician
resorting to ~~the~~ ^{the} houses of persons
who have died under the care of a
Brother physician & ^{scuttly} inquiring of
their nurses what remedies had been
used in ~~their~~ ^{their} cases? of those patients?
- This has been twice done
in this city, and ~~that~~ in one instance
a most ^{impudent} ~~abominable~~ falsehood
propagated of the cause of the

✓ Dr Kuhn's publications in favor of
Bark & wine in erysip - also import'n
of yellow fever - from hostility to the man
who propagated the contrary Opinion.

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patients death. [But Envy extends still
further under this head. It ascribes
the death of persons to physicians
who have never seen them.]

4. ~~Envy discovers itself by denying~~
~~among Phys-~~
~~icians by their denying to each other~~
the credit of discoveries and improve-
ments in medicine. ^{The discovery of the} ~~the~~ circulation

of the blood by the celebrated Dr. Harvey, was
long opposed for many years by his
contemporary Physicians. After it was
admitted, ~~an~~ An Attempt was made to
deprive him of the honor of it, by
ascribing it first to a French Physician,
and afterwards ~~by~~ to some hints which
are to be found in the writings of Hippocrates.

V Dr Morton mentions the name of
a man who acquired a great deal of
popular favor & business by railing
against the Use of the Bark, who ~~was~~
was ~~also~~ detested at the same time in
administering it to his patients in a
disguised form in Intermittent fevers. A
Physician of some note ^{in this city} who was the
most clamorous inducement in his clamors
against mercury in the yellow fever, ~~to~~
1793. was ~~exposed to the complaint~~ ^{detected in the use of it} by ~~the~~ a
salivation which it produced in one of
his patients.

5 ~~Many~~ ^{In} ~~shows itself by~~ Physicians
withholding such testimonies in favor
of each other's practice, as are calculated
to establish the credit of new remedies.

Sometimes the force of public clamor
compels Physicians to adopt new &
popular remedies contrary to their
inclinations. In these cases, it is
~~an~~ truly vexatious to hear of the
means they use to ~~disgrace~~ conceal
or disguise their ^{use} of those remedies.

For example; if the remedy be Colo-
-mel as a purge, they pretend to give
it only to excite a sapiration; ^{or} if the
remedy be Bleeding in a yellow

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fever, they continue to avoid the clamor
 against frequent, by very cogious
 bleeding, or they meet the prejudices
 of the public by declaring that their
~~prescription~~ altering the name of
 the disease for which they ~~prescribed~~^{prescribe}
 bleeding, and by calling a yellow fever
 a pleurisy, or ^{a hepatitis,} Rheumatism escape
 the censure which is attached to
 that remedy in a fever absurdly
 supposed to be of a putrid nature.
 Dr Sydenham has left a stigma upon
 all such practitioners by his high
 encomiums upon Dr Goodall who
 after adopting his practice of bleeding

But this depravity ^{of mind} sometimes
assumes another form. Physicians
sometimes join the popular cry,
against a new medicine, & yet
secretly use it. Dr. Morton mentions
a man of the name of Labor who
used this dust in respect to the Bark,
& Dr. Stahl a case of the same kind in
a physician. Mercury used secretly by
a physician in 1793 till a ~~satire~~ ^{satire} who
had most loudly abused it till a ~~satire~~ ^{satire}.
-tion detected him. —

in a suppression of Urine in a single
 case ~~was~~ in the small pox, comes forward
 with his testimony in favor of that
 remedy, notwithstanding he exposed
 himself in so doing, to the malice
 of all the Physicians in London who
 at that time were confederated
 against that illustrious Reformer
 of the healing Art. — V

Such Gent. "are the effects of
 in medicine. No wonder it is branded with so
 much ~~and a charge~~ ^{infamy} ~~many~~ ^{obprobrious} names by moral
 writers. Lord Bacon has happily said
 that it "knows no holidays," and Solomon
 after ^{it to} comparing ~~its~~ ^{action to the pain of}
 "adding thereto," "wrath
 rottenness ~~it~~ in the bones. ~~Anger~~ is
 rottenness in the bones. R

V^{ly}
V⁸. Interest ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~members~~ in the members
of the faculty, is a 5th source of vexation
to a Physician. Hence they seldom
fail of combining against those
men who attempt to render the
Science of medicine intelligible to
the common ~~of~~ people, and thereby to
enable them to cure themselves.

at Lussane
• Dr. Sipot lived in ~~disgrace~~ in
a state of domestic exile. He lost
all his business among his fellow
citizens soon after he published his
invaluable book entitled "Advice to
the people." — a 6th & last source of

Except here Physics, Coldwell 12.14
Love & who generously & supported
truth & Reason I

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envil, & Anger is outrageous, but who
can stand before Envy? Prov: 27. 4. —

✓ I might here mention ^{medical} certain Vices
~~of Physicians~~ as a source of vexation to
a benevolent & upright Physician, but
these shall be the subject of a future
Lecture. — But ✓

6. I proceed to mention some sources of
vexation to a Physician which arise
from ~~causes connected with his~~
~~Profession~~ ^{life} the opinions & prejudices of the
world. — From the dependant
state of our Profession, we are precluded
from ^{choosing our} ~~entertaining~~ principles of any
kind ~~upon~~ upon the subject of government.
— ~~many Physicians in Britain had~~

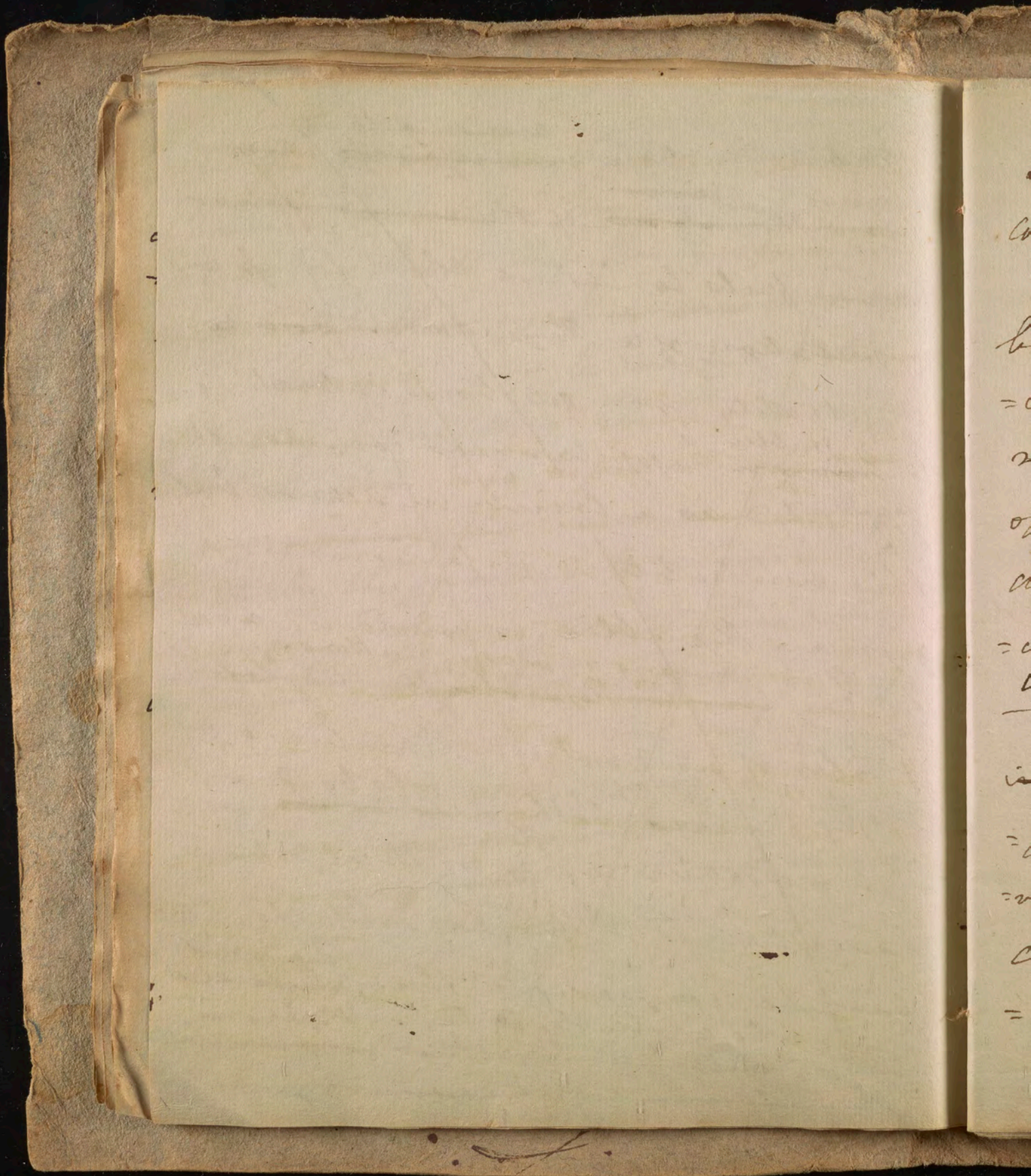
V Characters, ~~moving~~ were driven
from the United States during ^{our late} ~~the~~
war with great ~~Britain~~ Britain, for
holding monarchical sentiments, ~~the~~
while ^{in Britain & Ireland}
many more have ~~been~~ lost this
business, or been compelled to migrate
to foreign countries, for publicly
professing an attachment to the
equal rights of man.

X ~~Reaction arises from the ingratitude~~
of Physicians, ~~as the result of~~ to each
other. Therefore says servants are to be
tied only by interest. The same current
unites Physicians. Some of the most
malignant persecutors have been
Physicians who were most ~~of this~~ ^{to}

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Several Physicians^{of} & respectable V
~~Island have lost their originality, and some~~
have been obliged to seek an Asylum in
this Country, for having so far yielded
to the native & just impulses of their
hearts as to acknowledge an affection
for liberty, and an equal love for
their fellow men. ~~During the~~
~~several~~ American Revolution, Physicians were
acted a distinguished part
~~called frequently to act~~ in the Cabinet
& in the field. The ~~times~~ danger of the
times produced a toleration for their
principles & conduct, but since the
establishment of the general Government,
Physicians have been consigned by pub-
-lic opinion to their original political
insignificance, and a decision upon a

my ~~friendship~~. - Two of these men
~~I believe~~ ^{probably} one ~~this~~ lives to my presump-
- tions. - Should this ~~hasty~~ ~~expression~~
~~ever meet this eye~~, ~~or should~~ ~~after~~
~~any~~ remark ever be conveyed to them,
~~and they~~ from this room, it will
not wander long before it will ~~for~~ ^{be}
itself ~~up in~~ ~~the~~ ~~business~~ ~~is~~ ~~taken~~
met by the persons to whom it
belongs. - If they retain their feelings
as men, - ~~they~~ ^{with} their recollection of y:
conduct ~~will be~~ they will inflict a
punishment upon themselves, which
~~I would not endure for all the wealth~~
~~of a tho of the world~~. I would not endure
for all the wealth in the world. -

~~Public Question never fails to respect~~
~~upon the interests of the ruling power,~~
~~never fails to injure the business and~~
~~reputation of a Physician. There is~~
~~neutrality upon questions interesting~~
~~to ^{public} happiness was considered~~
~~punished as a crime in Athens, but~~
~~this neutrality so infamous in a~~
~~Grecian Republic, is considered as a~~
~~virtue ^{among modern nations.} in the Republic United States.~~
~~To be of no party, is like being of~~
~~no sex, ^{a Physician who by adminis-}~~
~~-tering sedatives to his political passions,~~
~~has attained to this harmless character,~~
~~may be compared to those ^{degraded} ~~particulate~~~~
~~men in Eastern countries ^{who administer to luxury & vice,}~~
~~themselves in order to acquire a gentle~~



~~Subsistence~~ in the Seraglios of the Eastern
Countries]. —

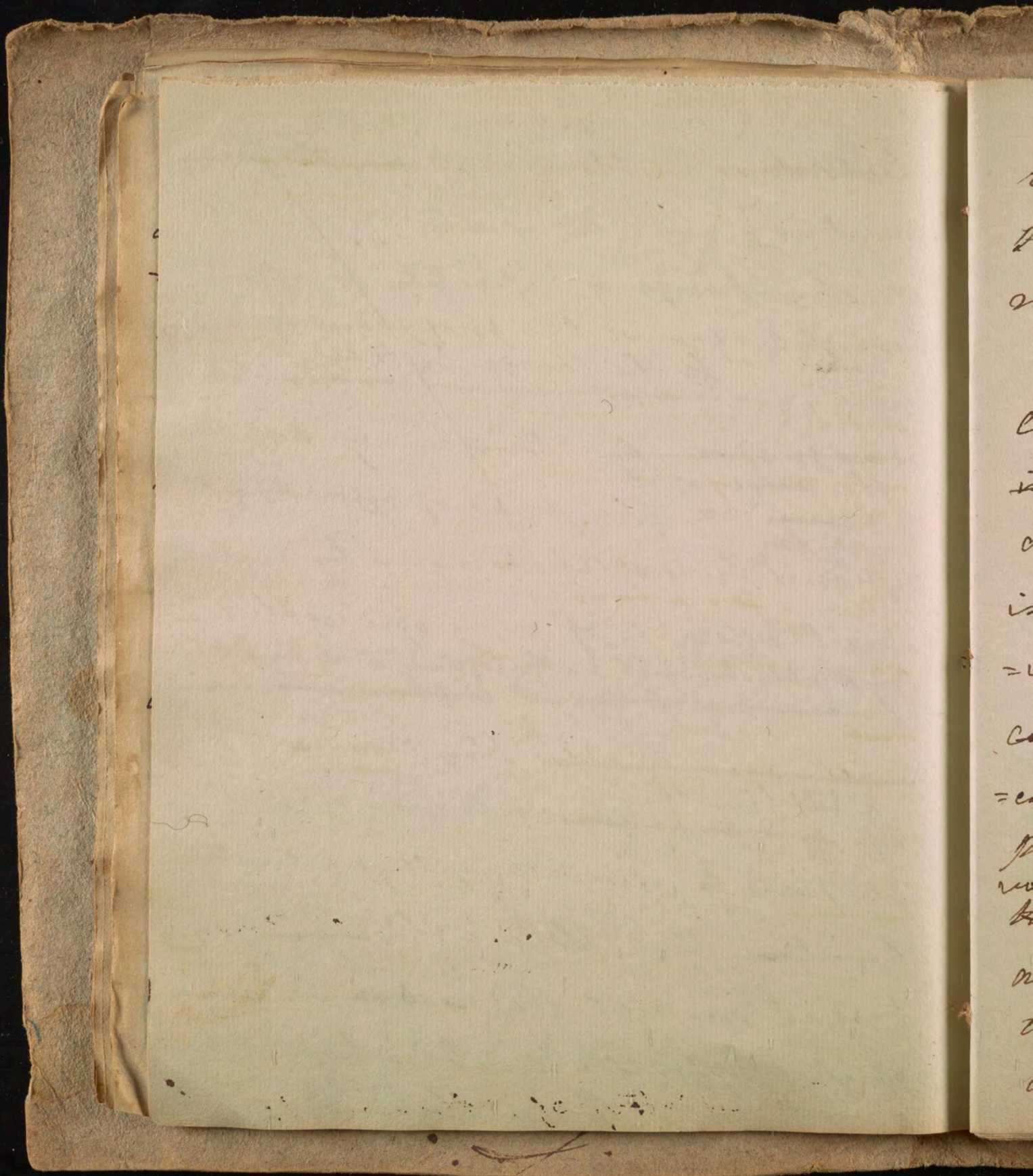
The charge of infidelity is often
brought against the profession of medi-
cine. — ~~If the charge be true,~~
~~many causes~~ ~~concur to~~

~~produce it~~ — But may not one
of ~~these~~ ^{the causes of it} be, the dread of offending the
different Sets of Christians by embrac-

ing the tenets of any one of them?
An establishment in medicine, may enable
— ~~Preservient~~ ~~invid~~ ~~& character~~ ~~have~~

~~is all ago enabled~~ ^a Physicians to pro-
a belief in the
— ~~fects and practice~~ doctrines of Christia-
nity, and to associate with ^a particular

church, but ~~where this~~ ^{is} ~~are~~ ^{unbelief,} ~~unbelief,~~ and a
— ~~ting,~~ I suspect that ~~against~~ ^{indifference}
neglect of public worship, have often

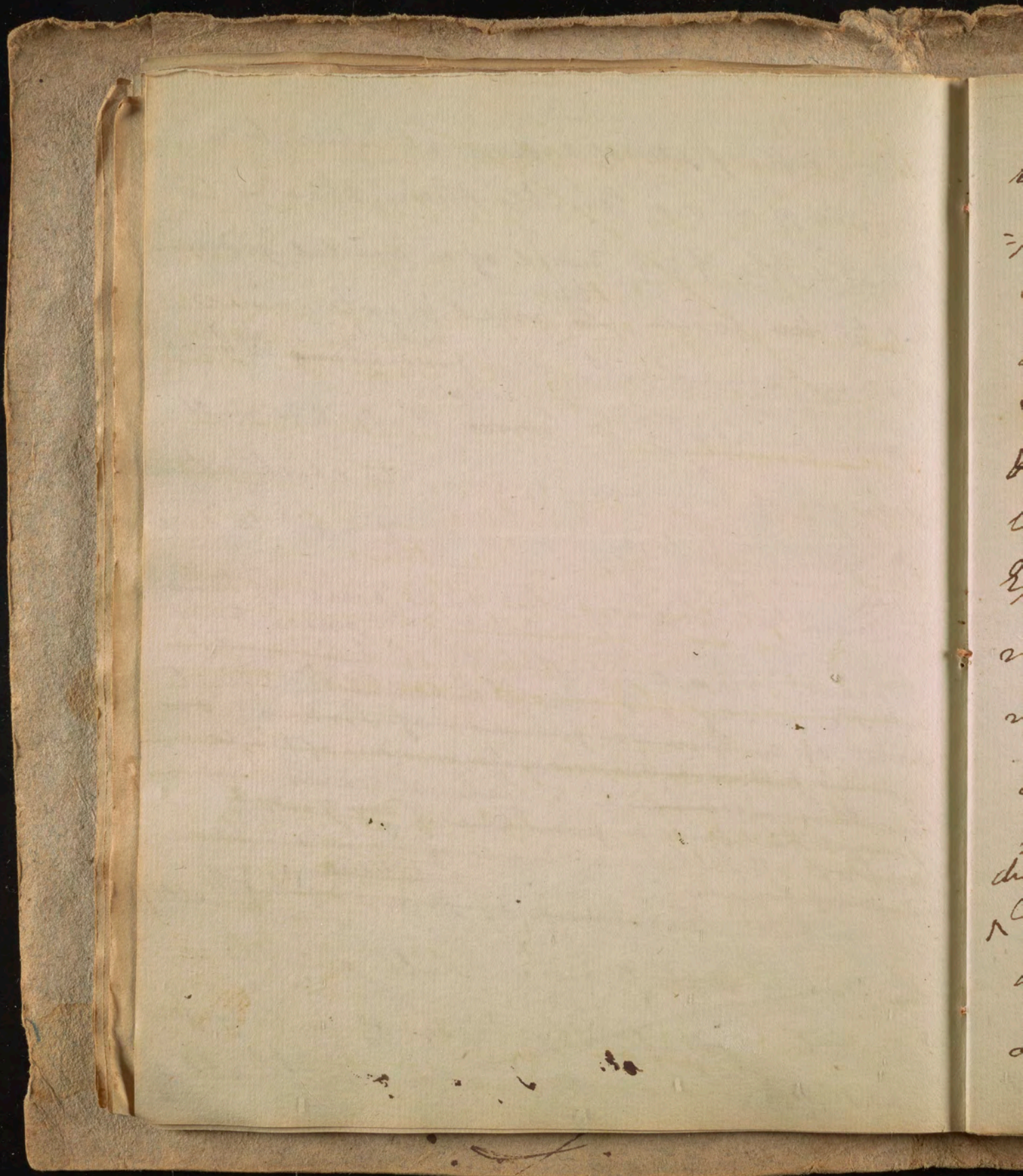


Even the effects of that ~~horrid~~ ^{appear to be universally} and
 slavish fear, which ~~are~~ attached to
 medicine.

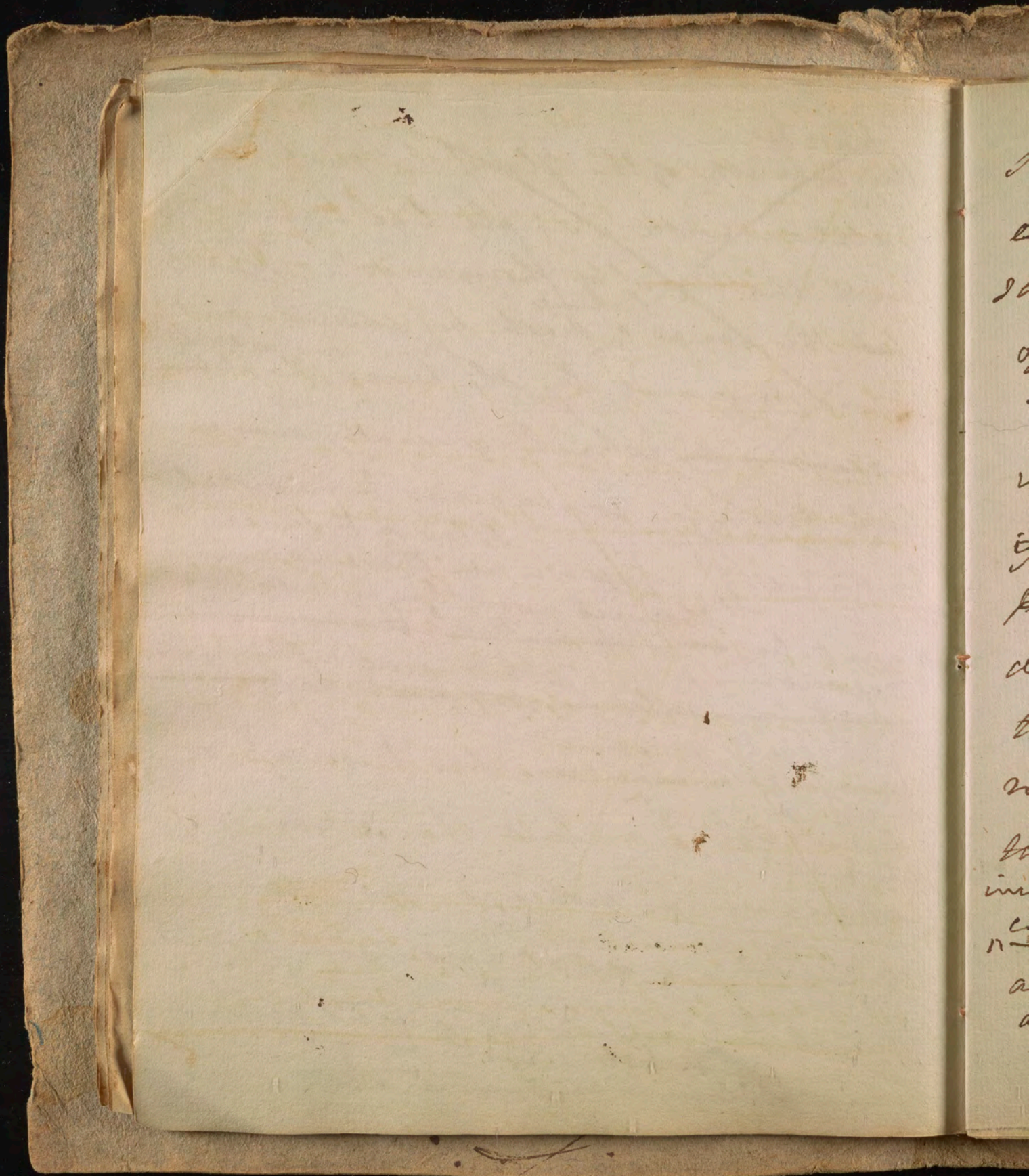
There is one more view of the dependant
 condition of a Physician, which has
~~in most of the cities of the world proved~~
 a cause of great vexation, and that
 is, the ~~clamor~~ ^{public clamor} ~~or~~ ^{the existence of} which al-
 ways follows his declaration of a
~~cont~~ malignant or contagious dis-
 ease in the city ⁱⁿ which he ~~lives~~ ^{resides}. Many
 Physicians have been persecuted into
~~voluntary~~ ^{the} banishment by this clamor,
 and we read of one ^{who} ~~who~~ was compelled
 to save his life from the resentment
 of a mob by a retreat to a church,
 & see History of Catherine II

✓ Open the Commerce, & injure the
property of his fellow citizens —

Can any state of suffering virtue become
 -circled of more terrible than this? - to
 behold the first Onset of a mortal Epidemic,
 - to ~~be~~ force ^{the} its great & extensive
 destruction which it is ^{likely} ~~proportioning~~ to bring
 upon a city; - to ^{be certain} ~~know~~ that it is in the
 power of human means to check it in
 its forming state; - and yet not to dare
 to make known the existence of this
 disease, lest it should it ^{spread terror} ~~injure the~~
 into the country, and thereby ^{prevent the} ~~present the~~ a crate
 of a few ~~hogsheads of Brandy or~~
~~sale of a few hogsheads of Brandy or~~
~~sale a produce a temporary suspension of the com-~~
~~of Eastern wear - a bale of muslin or~~
~~prevent the sale of a few bales of dry goods?~~
~~a box of pills, a crate of Eastern wear,~~
~~a pipe of wine,~~
~~or a few hogsheads of Brandy, or tobacco?~~
 shall
 the ~~any~~ ~~one~~ - shall all these
 articles - shall the trade of a city for
 a single season - ~~may more~~ shall



~~trade~~
 the ~~breadth~~ ^{length} of the globe, he put in com-
 =petition with a single life, — much less
 with the lives of thousands? Shall
~~for~~ ^{Sickness} the ~~bars~~ of death be rendered infinitely
 more poignant by the ~~terrors~~ ^{numerous evils} ~~the solitude~~
 & the ~~privacy~~ which generally accompany
 both from a contagious & mortal
 Epidemic? — ^{Silence & Secrecy} ~~Days~~ — all these calamities
 must be ~~seen~~ ^{observed upon this interesting} ~~subject~~ ^{to & considered}
~~Occasion,~~ ^{otherwise a Physician}
~~must be stifled,~~ ^{cannot} ~~but to the common~~
^{presence} cannot ~~maintain~~ his business, or
 reputation? — But the restraints of
 duty &
 Conscience, do not end here. He must
 derive this mortal Epidemic from
 some foreign country, ~~and~~ ^{and} permit
 his ~~whole city~~ ^{a whole city} ~~to sleep in~~
 his ~~beloved~~ ^{beloved} ~~city~~ ^{city} ~~to sleep in~~



necessity, amidst all the ^{foul} canoes which
 produce it,
~~endanger a retainer of it. least he~~
 should ^{injure} ~~depress~~ the commerce, or ^{upon the} value
 of the property of his fellow citizens.

To submit to vice is painful, but to
 when this vice is complicated with
~~madness & folly, the sacrifice is doubly~~
~~painful.~~ ^{for} what words shall we
 describe the vexation of submitting to
 those incalculable degrees of folly &
 madness which lead men to seek for
 the ^{origin} ~~causes~~ of pestilential diseases in
 imaginary
~~causes which elude all investigation,~~
^{deny or conceal} and ~~miss look~~ those real ^{Sources of it} ~~causes~~ which
 are subject to human power, & which
 are within their reach, & which

v If he makes light of a disease, &
Death follows, he is accused of ignorance -
If - he alarms - he kills his patient
by fear; —

might as easily be obviated, as the common inclemencies of the weather.

From the peculiar obstinacy of error upon this subject, it ~~is~~ does not require the ^{pro-}phetic spirit to foretell the future destiny of our cities. They will ^{probably} one day dissipate their folly ~~it is~~ afterwards ~~become~~ ^{by sharing} the fate of Rome, London, Marseilles, Brest, and other cities in Europe, which have been ^{nearly desolated} ~~ruined~~ by pestilential diseases. V

7. I return from this short digression, ^{those} to point out ~~the~~ causes of vexation ~~from~~ to a physician which are derived from his patients. These

Obliging them to wait with other engage-
ments, till they have ^{themselves} dined, or finished
a meal.

V in his being compelled to assume
the virtue of patience in order to
listen to their tedious & uninteresting
-ting histories of their ^{cases} disorders -
also to impertinent questions from relatives
about the issue of the disease.

+ Applicable only to America - The Physicians of
Europe receive their fees at the time of visit
- & have no such bills as Dr. Book or Ledger.

x Physicians but half rewarded - Their self-denial
in depriving themselves of locomotive plea-
-sures - exclusion from company - excursions
from home - exposure to being called out at
night & not recollected in a bill. Players
& Adam Smith says p^robor disgraces ^{why not Physicians?} professions.

consist in his numerous & unnecessary
 calls from his bed, from his meals,
 and from company, - in ^{the} ~~their~~ diso-
 - ^{of his patients}bedience to his prescriptions, - in their
 petulant complaints of his medicines,
 or of his supposed neglect in attending
 upon them - in his ^{self denial} ~~constant~~ ^{Society}, and of
 self denial of the pleasures of ^{occasional}
 visits from home, and of regular
 visits to the ~~con~~ ^{But are there no cordials &c - no gratitude - no smiling}
 family to meet ^{in our compassionate visits &c - no} ~~in the~~ ingratitude with which he
 is treated by his patients, by their
 refusal to pay his bills, &
 delays or neglect to pay his bills, &
 in their ~~employing~~ dismissing him from
 their service ^{for} ~~to~~ gratify ^{their own} the caprice,
 or the humor
 of a friend, or a neighbor.

Sometimes this ingratitude to
 Physicians appears ^a to more public

I have been much struck by observing
many families whom I have attended in
~~at home~~ & humble life - when rich - even by brokerage
have deserted me, & with their carriage &
country seats have ~~went~~ conformed to fash-
ion by employing the popular City Phy-
sician. But this is not all - Physicians
form attachments of friendships to y^r patients.
- they are deserted by them & g^o ^{aria} unwilling -
Mrs Caldwell &c - . Some patients leave
us when elevated, lest they sh^d be reminded when
they re- us, of their humble situation when ~~that~~
our knowledge first commenced - some because
they wou^d pray us - persuade others to do so - are
beforehand in resentment.

Caprice of patients - preferred B Duf^r D^r much
to any other Man - sober - & Dr Kessely; opening
a curtain &c to long visits from all the
other Physicians in the City.

forms, and appears in the conduct of
 whole cities & communities. ~~often~~ ^{in the}

~~the~~ close of the year 1793 the citizens
 of Philad^a assembled at the State house,
 and voted with their thanks, a piece
 of plate valued at 100 Dollars to each
 of the committee who had superin-
 tended the city during the prevalence
 of the fever of that year. a motion

Afterwards
 was made to thank the Physicians
 of the city for their services. This motion
 was ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~unsuccessful~~ ^{unsuccessful}. ~~The~~ ^{rendered to} The previous
^{the city by} ~~of~~ the Physicians may be easily conceived

when I add, that this patients consisted
 chiefly of poor people, & that out of
 about 35 who remained in the city,
 8 died, and of the survivors, but three

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✓ ~~Exactions as it may be~~
~~Exactions as it may be~~ ~~to review this~~
instance of ingratitude, ^{Physicians} ~~to our profession,~~
it was an act of kindness, compared
with ^{the} ~~this~~ treatment they met with
in the ^{present} ~~year, 1799~~ while performing
the same services to their fellow citizens,
at the risk of their lives, and over the
graves of ~~some~~ some of their brethren who
had recently perished with the disorder.
Language was exhausted ~~in~~ of all its
opprobrious epithets in the abuse which
was poured out against many of the
Physicians of the city, ~~and~~ The Quarters
from whence this Abuse ^{came,} would have
rendered it harmless, had it not been
received with pleasure or indifference
by a great majority of the citizens of

escaped an attack of the fever. ✓

From an examination of medical history, in ~~other countries~~, it appears that the same causes of vexation have existed in other countries, and that Physicians have suffered more or less in all ages from each other, from ~~this~~ the world, from their patients, and from the places in which they have resided. Dr Harvey lost all his business after his discovery of the circulation of the blood, ~~probably~~ ^{yet} from ~~the~~ a confederacy of his brethren against him. It is said he lost his health, and eye sight soon afterwards, and that in a hypochondriacal paroxysm,

of Philadelphia. — Merciful men would
 have treated ~~least~~ domestic beasts with
 more sympathy, ^{more} especially if they had
 at the time of their sufferings, been labour-
 -ing ~~for the exclusively~~ for their benefit.

† To these general observations upon
 the ingratitude & cruelty of the world to
 Physicians, there ~~are~~ always have been,
 & still are ^{some} ~~a few~~ exceptions; ~~and only~~ but these are
 so few as barely ^{the Governor of the Universe}
 to prove that ~~he is~~ in no condition
 of his creatures ^{them}
 whatever, leaves ~~his creatures~~ without
 a witness in favor of his Goodness. May
 the dew of heaven descend for ever upon
 those kind souls, who under all circum-
 -stances, remember their medical
 Benefactors with gratitude & affection!

he ~~destroyed~~ ^{terminated} his life by a dose of
 opium. — The famous Dr. Sydenham
 who performed prodigies of fortitude &
 humanity in the Plague of 1664 in
 London, ^{was confined} ~~was~~ some years afterwards of
 debt in April ^{where}
~~a broken heart in Newgate in which~~

~~place~~ he died of a broken heart. His
 misfortunes ^{too} were probably brought on
 by the malice & envy of his brethren.

many other ~~similar~~ instances of the
^{the neglect,}
 sufferings of Physicians from ~~causes~~
 and the ingratitude of the public
 which have been ~~considered~~, are to
 be met with in the records of medicine.

Sometimes the ~~malice~~ malice of Physicians
 and of the public vent themselves in open
 abuse in newspapers & other publications.
 The year 1797 will long be remembered in
 Philad^a for the torrents of abuse which were

and may God forgive those who are
devoid of these virtues — for such men
there are in ^{every} Philadelphia. One of my
bitterest persecutors during the late
Epidemic, was a man^t whose whole
family I saved from death in the
year 1793. In one of my visits to
this ^{family} ~~house~~, I well recollect I was so
~~much~~ ^{very} ~~weak~~ ^{weakened} by sickness, that I was
obliged to ^{lie down} ~~rest~~ upon a chest for some
minutes on his stair case, before I could
reach the room ^{in which my patient was} ~~where he lay~~ —
lodged. poured forth against several of
his physicians ~~for~~ for six weeks
from two of the most popular preps
in the city. This abuse was instigated
+ a certain John Elden —
chiefly by their brethren, and for no

I come now gent. to the 2nd part
 of the subject of this lecture, ~~to~~ and
 that ^{is} to say a few words upon the
 II Distresses of a medical life. —

These arise from many causes.

In the 1st place our intercourse with our
 fellow creatures
~~patients~~ is confined ~~only~~ to those times
 in which they are unhappy, ~~to see~~ ^{from}

~~there is~~ this sympathy with the
 sick members of their family, and

from the dread of losing them. ~~But~~ In

our visiting ^{monies} our patients, we often
 make discoveries which are of a

most distressing nature, such as

poverty & domestic infelicity from

Other offence than differing from them
in their opinions of the Origin and
treatment of our late Epidemic. The
^{the ravages} ~~the malignancy~~ of the publications alluded
to may easily be conceived when I add
that they were composed to be a class:
- man in a neighbouring State to the
mouth of Hell disgorgeing its contents
upon the ^{physicians} ~~persons~~ who were the subjects of
them. ~~Thence~~ the inhumanity of this
conduct

V The clay cold wrist with the hand still warm -
the half closed ^{or glassy} eye - the panting breast - the
faultering speech - the ^{a fixed & unvaried} ~~longing look~~ after a
groping ^{wiping} of children - and above all an affectionate
wife, ~~passing his~~ ^{passing his} life with a dumb with anguish
lay his ~~last~~ ^{performing the last sad offices of}
kindness ^{to his} ~~or~~ ^{beloved partner of her life} ~~or~~ ^{pricking}
the ~~her~~ ^{her} with her shrieks in an adjoining room -

all its numerous curses. — But these

are light sources of distress, compared with
 being obliged ^{from the inefficacy of our art,} frequently to witness ~~in~~
 the ^{grief which all is occasioned by the} death of a ~~valuable head of a~~

~~family, or of a favorite, or only~~
~~child, or of a valuable head of a family.~~

~~the ^{is the} breaking & inefficacy of~~
~~the ^{is the} healing art.~~
~~our professions.~~ — Still deeper ~~is the~~ ^{is the} distress

~~the two~~ distress, when we ~~are called~~
 unsuccessful in the ^{have been}
~~unable to~~ exercise the duties of our

professions, towards our particular
 and beloved friends. — Here gentⁿ I ^{could} ~~would~~

~~would~~ ~~make a pause~~ wish to retire a
 few minutes from your sight to
 indulge ^{my} tears for the ^{late epidemic} ~~late epidemic~~.

~~and victims of~~ ^{has} inflicted fresh wounds
 upon this heart. — I shall not

~~trouble~~
 detain you by ~~describing~~ describing them.

V In losing patients for whom we
do not feel the ties of affection, we
are often distressed if ~~we~~ our minds
are under the influence of Christian
principles by observing the indif-
ference to futurity with which they
^{are permitted by their friends} leave the world. ~~by their friends~~. Their
only solatide appears to consist in
keeping them ignorant of their impending
fate, and their only consolation in
knowing or believing that they feel no
pain.

They shall continue to bleed in fear,
 Until time, with respect to myself,
 shall be no more. ^V

which Physicians experience
 Besides the distress from ~~sympathy~~
 the causes which have been mentioned,
~~they~~ with Individuals, there are exposed

to feel a large share of that distress
 which is introduced into a city by the
 prevalence of a great & mortal Epi-
 demic. — ~~How~~ Citizens agitated, and
 distracted by the defections of Physicians!

— Parents deserted by their children, —
 children deserted by their parents — the
 sick attended, ^{only} ~~by~~ ^{or} neglected by mercenary
~~or sleeping~~ Nurses, — our ears ^{affailed in} ~~with~~
 walking the streets with the groans
~~of~~ shrieks of the dying, — our eyes

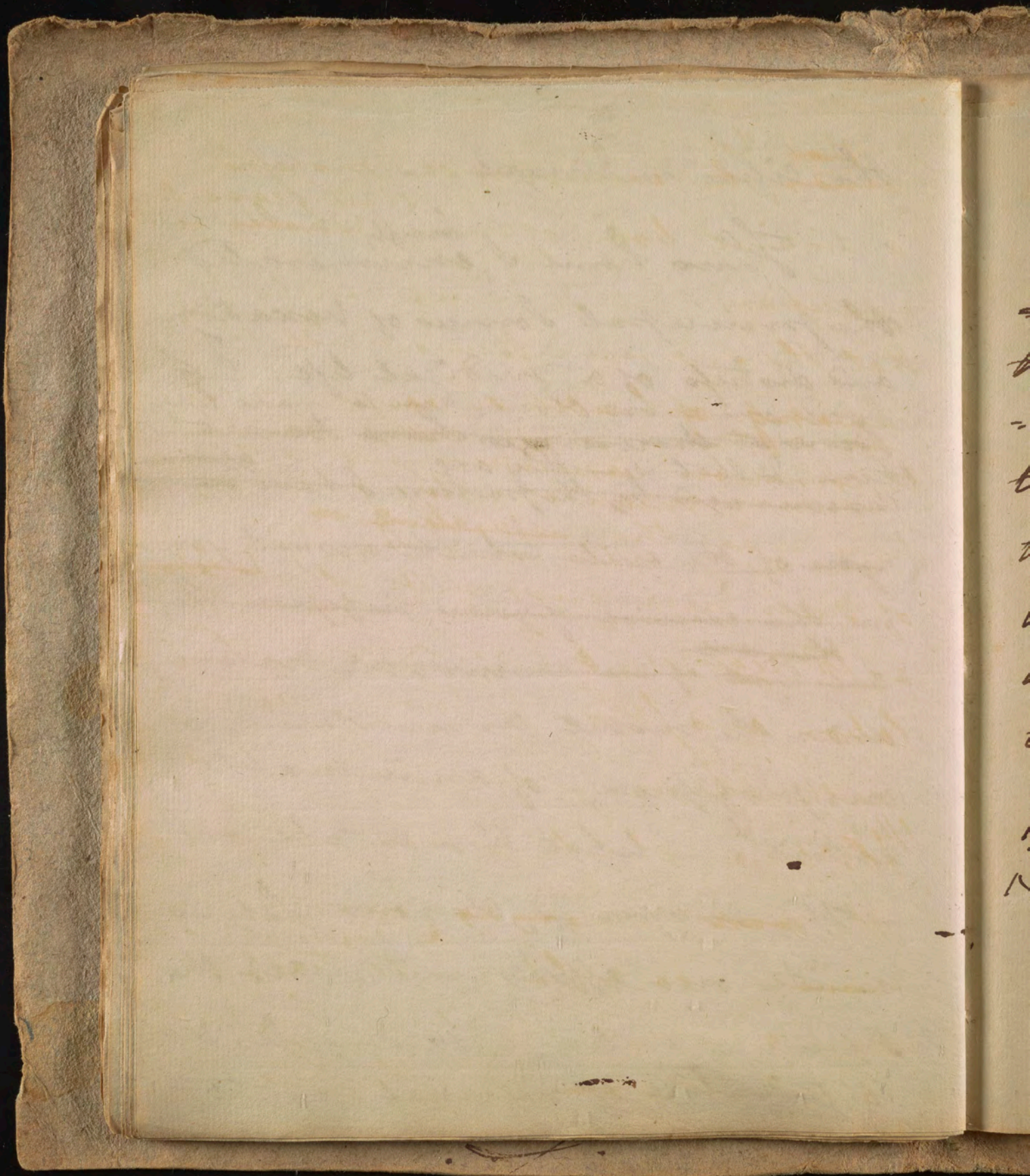
V And above all, ~~our~~ ^{our} sensibility
harrowed up perpetually by applica-
-tions to us to alleviate the misery
that has been described. —

met in entering the doors of our
 patients, ^{by} ~~with~~ a ~~new~~ wife, or a fac-
 -ent in the first anguish of grief,
 for the loss of a husband or a child,
~~a soul~~ ~~in~~ ~~gloom~~ ~~&~~ ~~dijection~~
~~Shuts deserted and silent~~
^{sitting upon}
~~preaching~~ ~~preaching~~ every countenance,
 - Shuts deserted, & silent, or vocal
 only with the noise of bear huses
 conveying the dead to their long homes.
~~These are the~~ Such ~~be~~ are the scenes
 which many of us have witnessed in
 this country, but they ~~exhibit~~
 a faint idea of distress, compared with
 that which Physicians have often
 experienced during the prevalence
 of pestilential fevers in many of

✓ Physicians in society, are like ex-
-transient ^{animal} ^{human} substances in the body. They
were never made to assimilate with
it, and ~~they can neither~~ they can never
be at rest in this foreign & unnatural
-ral situation. —

the cities in Europe. —

Thus have I ^{briefly} enumerated
the principal sources of vexation
and distress of a medical life. I
have one more observation to make upon
~~be not discouraged by the picture I have given~~
them, & that is, — they are, ^{given}
~~discouraged by the picture I have given~~
~~you of the evils which await you~~
~~in the exercise of your profession. They~~
~~are not of an inevitable nature,~~
under the present circumstances of
our profession, — of an inevitable
nature, — what then is to be done?
— The answer is obvious. Let us
unite our efforts, and under the
science of medicine so simple, &
its knowledge so universal, as to



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~~that~~ that the exercise of the profession by
a distinct body of men, ^{shall cease to be} wholly un-
necessary. — It never can be true,
that the Supreme Being made ^{means of} the pre-
-serv^{ation} of health so easy & intelligible
to common Capacities, and at the same
time made the ^{means of restoring} ~~restoration~~ of it a business
of such immense difficulty & labor,
as to require six or seven years
labor and study to become acquainted
with them. I am satisfied that
^{1/4 of} the time which is spent in learning
the ~~great~~ dead ~~languages~~ languages, ~~or~~
~~would~~ in early life would ^{be sufficient to} teach a
young man all the elementary parts
of medicine, ~~and~~ and thereby enable

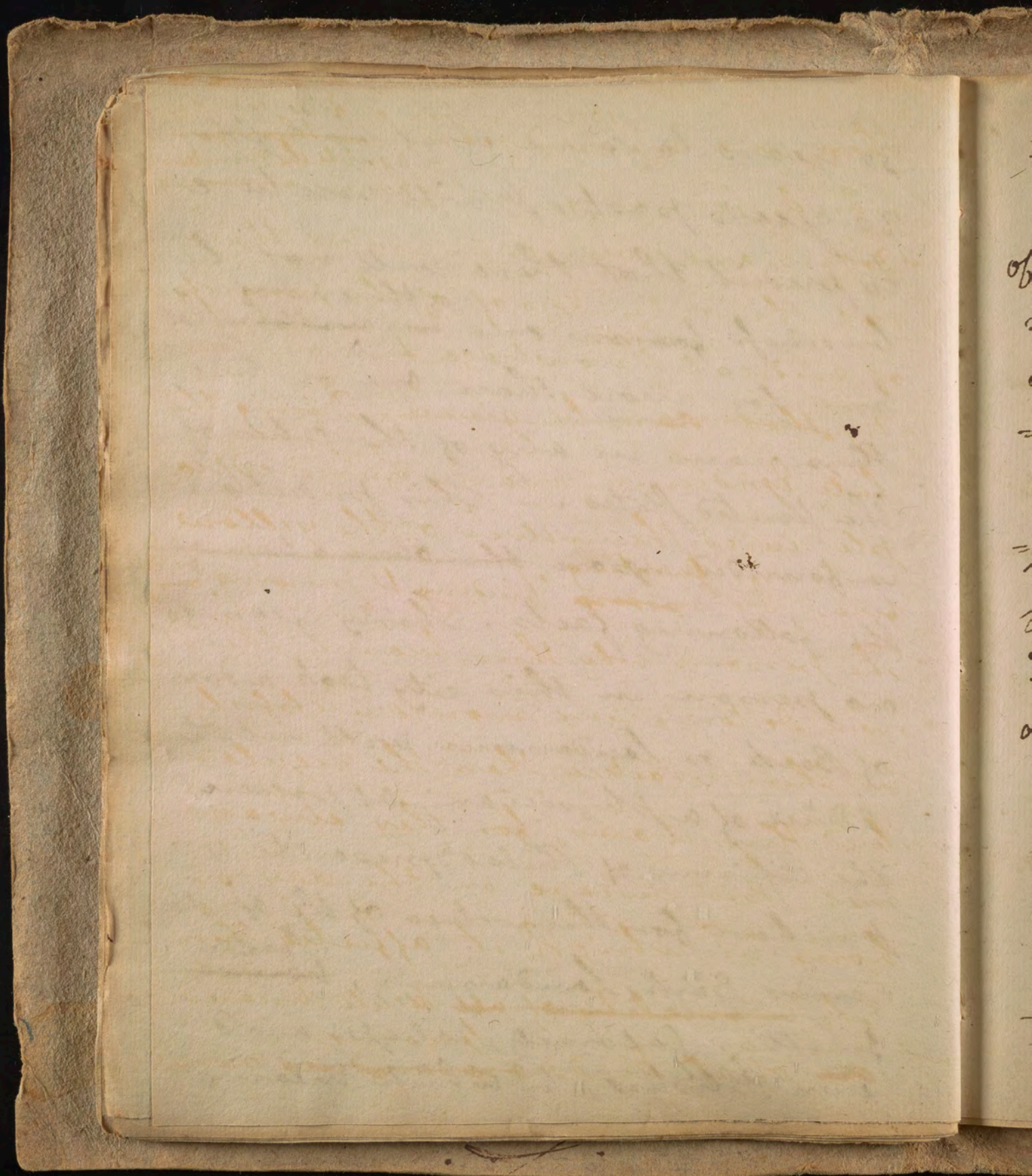
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him to acquire ~~the~~ its practical parts
in the course of a few months. I speak
here of medicine as stripped of all that
map of error which has been connected
with it for ages, ^{in Europe,} and ^{as} ~~which~~ ^{has}
lately simplified, ^{in the} ~~in the~~ United States.

The present King of Britain
upon reading the account of the ~~disposition~~
~~deposition~~ death of Lewis the XVIth as it
is said expressed an apprehension that
there would not be ^a King in Europe
in 30 years. Should the present
spirit of inquiry in medicine conti-
-nue to prevail ^{in our country,} &
Should medical
knowledge be made the common pro-
-perty as rapidly & extensively for

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30 years to come, as it has ^{done} for
30 years past, I will venture
to predict that there will not be
business ~~for an~~ end ^{of the end of} in ~~within~~ that
time, for more than one or two
Physicians in any of the cities of
the United States. — This prediction
is founded upon ~~the observation of~~
the following facts. Thirty years ago,
no person in this city took a dose
of Bark or Laudanum without the
advice of a physician. At present
the citizens of Philad^a prescribe &
purchase for themselves of the Apothe-
-caries Bark, Laudanum, ^{Linctus} ~~various~~
Emetics, Calomel, Jalap, and
even Blisters, by which means



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they cure many diseases ^{for a few cents} ~~in this for~~
which formerly cost them ^{double the number} ~~as many~~
of Dollars and pounds. — But this is

not the only proof of the progress
of medical knowledge & in our coun-
try, ~~that can be given~~. During the

late Epidemic, many hundred peo-
ple cured themselves of the yellow
fever by ^{sweating} ~~vomiting~~, bleeding & purging. ~~They~~

The persons who thus became their
own Doctors, were more successful
in their practice, than the regular
bred Physicians, for they always
met their disease on the day, or
hour in which it affected them.

~~The mortality of all~~ Acute diseases
~~of all kinds~~ ^{become} mortal

V I know it has been
Let its roots be suppressed that by those
men who admit the possibility of the
people at large being instructed in the
treatment of acute diseases, that ^a regu-
lar & learned education will be
necessary to cure such as are of a
chronic nature. But this opinion
will lose its force when we consider
that 99 - out of ^{an} 100 chronic ^{diseases} ~~diseases~~,
are the effects of ~~neglected~~ acute dis-
eases being neglected, or but half
^{or mistaken} cured by Physicians.

chiefly by their ~~not~~ being neglected in
 this forming state. This neglect ~~is~~
 often arises from the ~~excess~~ dread
 of the ~~and~~ remedies, or of the ~~excesses~~ ^{bills}
 of a Physician, both of which will
 be avoided when sick people are
 taught to prescribe for themselves.

When ~~this~~ I anticipate with
 pleasure the arrival of the period
 which ~~I have~~ has been ^{mentioned.} ~~stated.~~

~~much idleness~~ A numerous body
^{worthy} of men will be returned by it to
 more ~~to~~ happy & independent ^{all that}
 the ~~useful~~ employments & ~~large~~
~~portion~~ ~~or~~ vexation & distress
 which ~~have been mentioned~~ are
 necessarily attached to the profession

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of medicine will ^{thence} be avoided, ~~and~~ prevented. In

But until the arrival thus destining ~~the~~
~~our~~ the profession ~~of~~ to a revolution, ~~these~~ those members ~~except~~
-cept from that fate, that part of it ~~who~~ ^{dislocations}
who practise ~~relates to~~ surgery. Wounds, ~~dislocations~~
of bones, and external organic ~~disorders~~ ^{affections},
are but rare occurrences, compared with ~~dis-~~
~~orders~~ ^{occur so rarely, as not to afford to}
~~cases~~ ^{cases}, in civilized society.

~~Individuals experience and intrepidity~~
~~are to treat these with judgment~~

a habit of operating with safety
~~principles to operate with habits~~

and principles in such cases can only
^{multiplied}

be acquired by experience, which
~~arises from a man~~ and this ^{can only} ~~can only~~

the result of ~~such~~ all such cases falling
into a few hands. —

Hitherto Gent: ^{be} ~~our~~ views ~~of~~

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prospects ⁱⁿ of medicine have been of a
gloomy nature. But ~~I shall not~~ ^{these views &}
prospects shall not close our pre-
-sent lecture. I have said that the
cessations & distresses of a medical life,
are so necessarily interwoven with
the present state of ^{society & of} human nature,
~~& the present~~ that they cannot be
^{curied;} ~~removed,~~ but ^{I have great pleasure} they may ~~be endured~~
in adding, that there are considerations
which will enable us ^{not only} to endure
them, ~~and even~~ ^{but} to derive consolation
from them.

In the ¹ place, let us consider that
we are ^{fixed} ~~placed~~ in our present situation
by a wise & just Providence, and that
in the eternal, & immutable order of

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as established 47
things in the divine mind, it could not
have been otherwise. What we call the
evil, is nothing but good in disguise.
- It is intended to beget in us ~~no patience~~,
~~and a submission to the divine will.~~
a perfection of character which can
only be acquired ~~in the school~~ by suf-
-fering. - "He is not so much a great
man (said ~~Wesley~~ the illustrious
founder of Pennsylvania) who can do
great things, as he is - who can ^{patiently} ~~endure~~
~~suffer~~ ^{suffer} great things." There are certain
virtues, which, like ^{inactive} idle limbs, become
feeble from the want of exercise. Pa-
-tience, fortitude, perseverance, & above
all the forgiveness of injuries ^{can only} ~~could never~~
be ~~cherished~~ cultivated, [&] displayed by

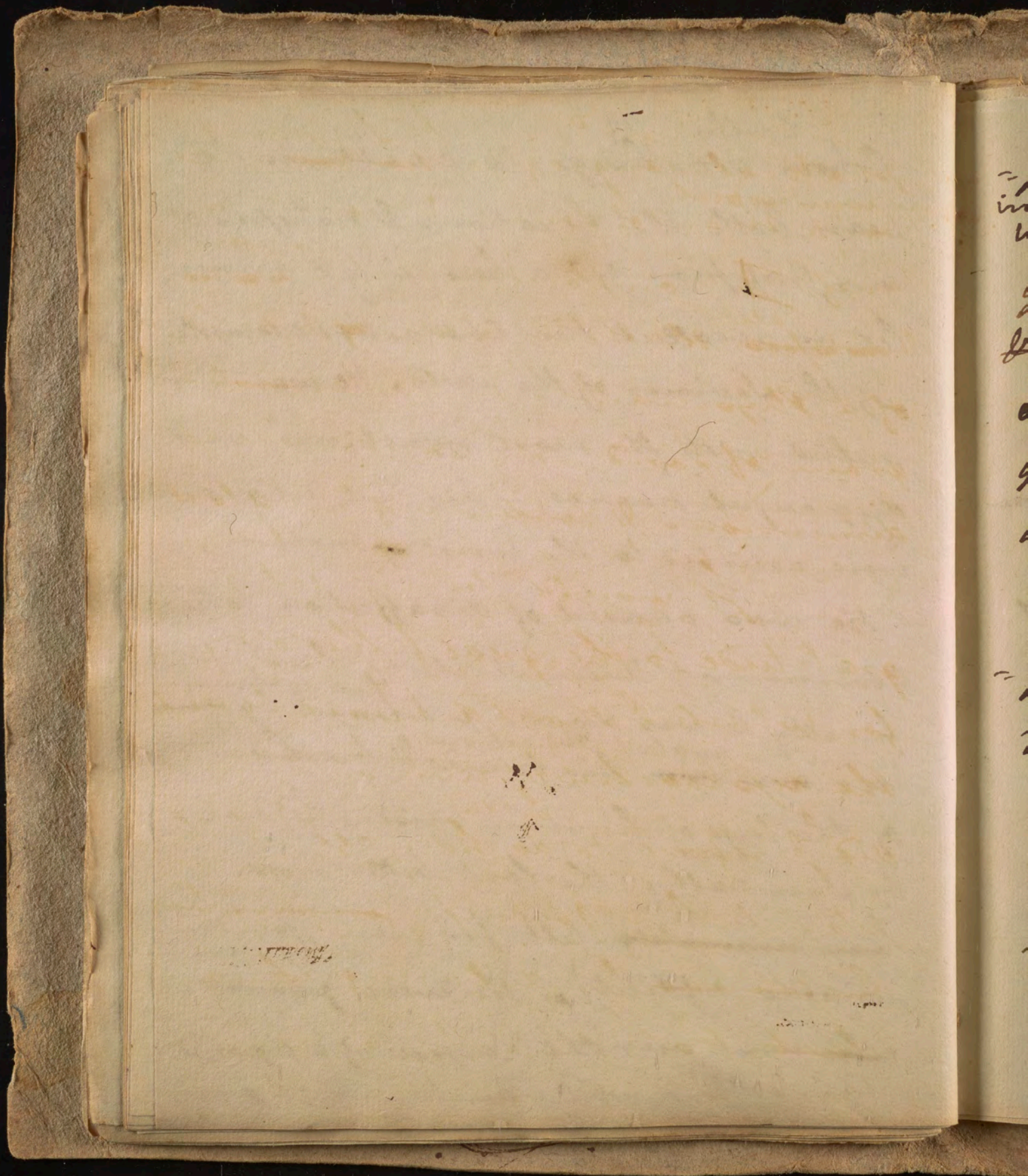
(says Solomon)
✓ "By the sadness of the countenance,
the heart is ^{indeed} ~~better~~ made better."
Eclis: 7. 3

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a Physician in an eminent degree,
by a Physician being ~~placed in the exposure~~ to
to all the causes of vexation which
have been mentioned.

To enable us to support the distresses
to which we are liable from the
nature of our profession, let us recollect
- but that by sympathizing with our
patients & fellow creatures, we produce
a sensibility in our ^{tempers} ~~tempers~~ that is
favourable to the growth of every
virtue. The tears we shed over our
dying patients, are not wasted: they
are ^{carefully} preserved, ~~is~~ and if they flow
from ~~a true~~ ^{proper} motives, they
will produce a luxuriant harvest
of joy, in another world. —

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Lastly, 49
~~above all things~~, to enable us to
bear both the vexations & distresses of
our profession in a becoming manner,
let us recollect the Character & example
of the Saviour of the world. He was in-
-ulted with the most opprobrious, and
disgraceful names, — his best actions,
were ascribed, to the worst of motives,
— He was accused of disaffection to the
Government Under which he lived, &
finally he was deserted, & betrayed by ^{those who owed} ~~him~~ ^{him} the greatest obligations. ~~who saved him his friends & brethren.~~
of the Cup of human misery, he drank
by Sympathy, the last bitter drop. He
was intimately felt for every species of
domestic infelicity. He ~~even~~ ^{was} grieved
~~and~~ wept over the corpse of a departed
friend. In a word — he to use the com-



50 the Scriptures
-phatical language of ~~the~~ ^{in every respect} he
was "a man of sorrows & acquainted with
grief." I compared with his ^{sufferings} ~~tribulations~~,
~~all~~ ^{all} the the vexations ^{& distresses} of
of a Physician, are like a molehill
grain of sand, compared with the
dimensions & contents of our globe.

It would be an act of in-
-gratitude to the great father of mexicos,
for which I should expect to suffer
the reproaches of my conscience ^{in secret,}
did I refuse to do ^{public} homage in this
place, to his goodness for ~~my~~ life,
~~health~~ and by declaring, ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~pub-~~
-licly that it was by a firm

V "His hand," the Believer "fastens on
the skies,
"Then bids earth roll, nor feels
the idle whirl. —

belief in the doctrines & promises
 of Christianity, that I was supported
 under the unusual share of vexa-
 -ation & distress that fell to my lot
 during the prevalence of the late
 Epidemic. ^{encouraged} ~~animated~~ by the example
 of the Author of our religion, and
 animated by prospects beyond the
 grave, there were times, in which
 I enjoyed my persecutions. V

~~How~~ what ~~part~~ portion of
^{& reputation,} business ~~remains~~ the events ^{with respect of the late} ~~alluded to~~
^{as yet}
^{Antennae} may have left me. I know not; but
 blessed be God, I ^{am able to say} ~~can truly say~~ they

V Solicitude whether we have
Done too much, or too little.

If we make friends of things - they feel
most sensibly our neglect - ^{real or supposed} - even not
visiting them in health

giving patient over to death in cancer
as Mrs. Mifflin.
neglect in young Dr.

tend to support the doctrine of fever
which has been taught for many
years from this Chair.
Solitude - Doubtful of nature of disease - &
society - importance of life - friendly
6 In the The pleasures - forget not conversion
of disciples or pupils into it. ~~se~~ ~~se~~

Pleasures

- 1 in study - all its branches - esp: -
- 2 Travelling - madnes. only child - head of
- 3 practice individually or in Epidemics -
a family -
- 4 Rewards - great in Europe - ^{Dr Huckle} expressions
signs of gratitude - ^{helping hand} Lady cured by Dr Darwin -
Jenner -
- honors - Boerhaave - Hensius -
- 5 Great Cures, or Discoveries of new Remedies
w did Sydenham feel ^{much} ~~se~~
- 7 private friendship - social pleasures

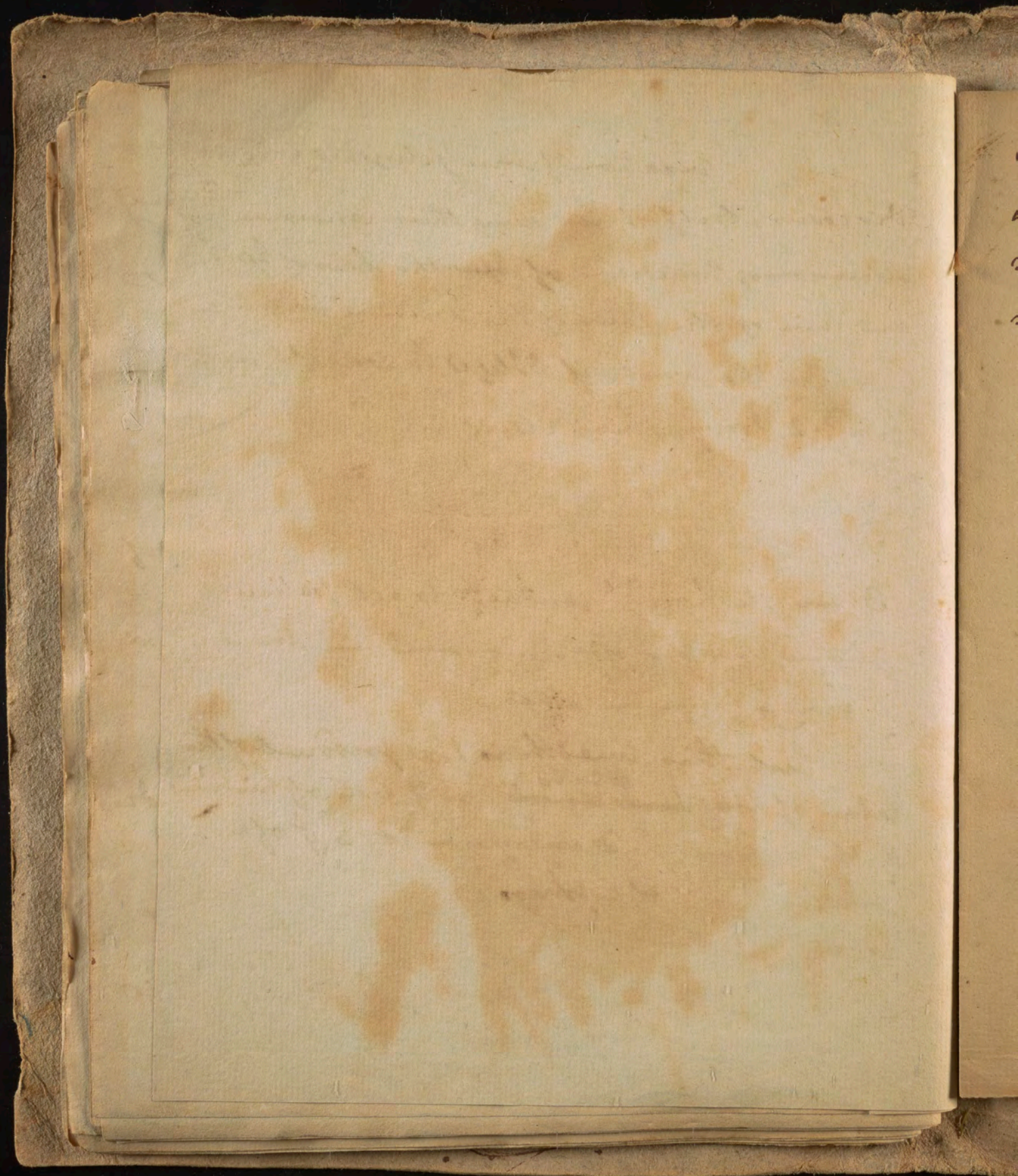
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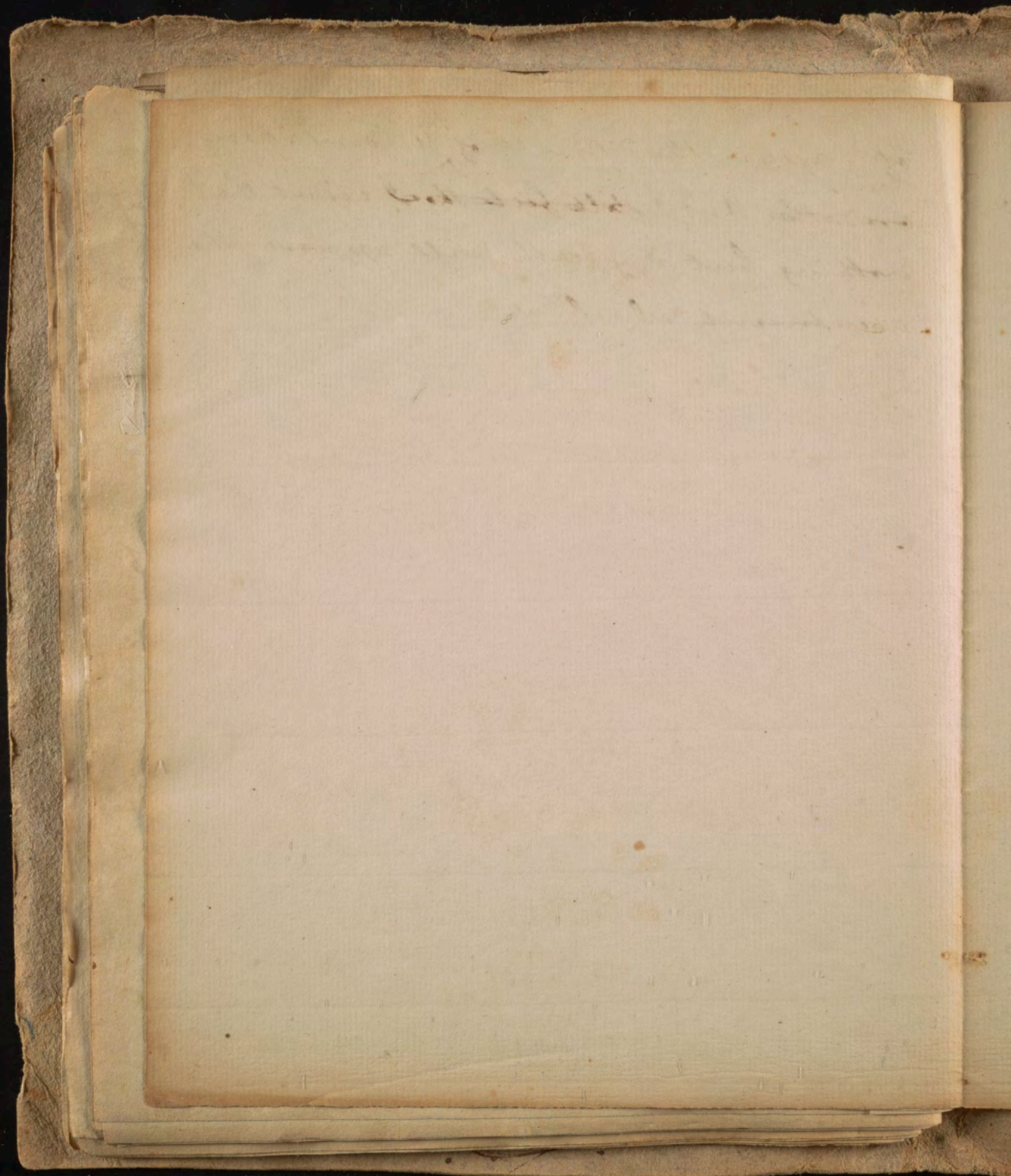
relaxation from physicians
discovers itself - 1 in seeing their ignorance of
~~diseases~~ - of Remedies - of ~~the~~ the laws of Epid:
and even of the laws of the Animal Economy. -
- These the worst - if Obligated to consult with
them - 2 Envy - shows itself in

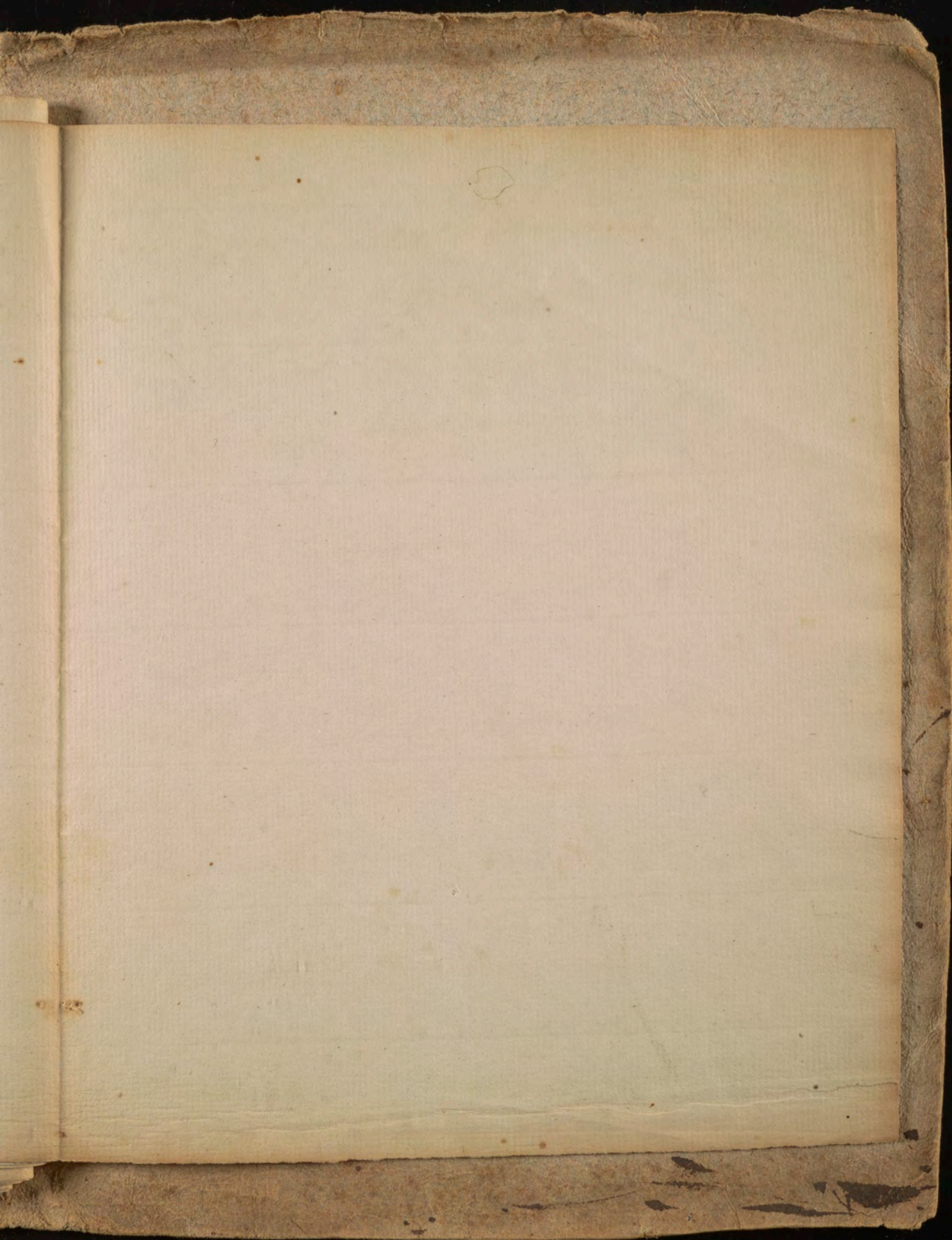
3 ~~no~~ dishon^{ble} conduct to get patients,
private visits - opposing remedies in one house
& giving them in others.

but this wealth is the product of the
labor of his ~~hands~~ ^{limbs}, and not of his mind
& the pleasure he enjoys in it, is $\frac{1}{4}$ of a
man: & not of a phry:



of years the Difficulty of ^{the} Undertaking,
~~and other~~ And I ~~still feel that~~ expect that
nothing but my death will appease the
resentment which is





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